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1. Transmittal (1 page)
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated September 18, 2006 (Paper No. 20060914), for which a response is due on December 18, 2006. Accordingly, this response is